

Definitions of Severe Trafficking in Persons

United States Federal Definition of Severe Trafficking of Victims

For the purpose of criminal prosecution, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act ("TVPA") defines the crime of severe trafficking as having the following elements:

Trafficking is the...

- Recruitment
 - Harboring
 - Transportation
 - Provision
 - Obtaining
- OR--
- (Or attempt to do so)

...of a person



By means of...

- Force
- Fraud
- Coercion

--EXCEPT THAT--

The elements above are not required to show trafficking of a minor for commercial sex acts.



For the purpose of...

- Commercial Sex Acts
- Involuntary Servitude
- Peonage
- Debt Bondage
- Slavery

United Nations Definition of Trafficking in Persons (from the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (article 3 (a)))

Trafficking is the...

- Recruitment
 - Transportation
 - Transfer
 - Harboring
 - Receipt
- OR--
- (Or attempt to do so)

...of a person



By means of...

- threat
- force
- coercion
- abduction
- fraud
- abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability
- Giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person



For the purpose of exploitation...

Exploitation shall include, at minimum:

- The prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation
- Forced labor or services
- Slavery or practices similar to slavery
- Servitude
- The removal of organs